

## Community News



### Project Cheer

A concert run to see the group Tool in Albuquerque is scheduled to start at 3 p.m. on May 8 at the Community Center. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$80 and includes transportation and general admission.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 784-6381.

### Airman's Attic

The Airman's Attic will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Staff Sergeants and below and their dependents are eligible to shop, and each family is permitted to take up to 20 free items per week for family use.

Donations are always welcome, but do not leave them outside the door.

### Boys Speak Out

Volunteers are needed to help participating schools host Boys Speak Out from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday. Volunteers will mentor teenage boys throughout the day.

For more information, call 784-4228.

### Tricare for retirees

Getting close to retirement and need to learn more about Tricare benefits? Attend the Tricare for Retirees meeting from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 784-4228.

### Money and teens

Money Management for Teens is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 784-4228.

### Employment seminar

A federal employment seminar is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call 784-4558

### Volunteer opportunity

The Cannon Community Center is seeking volunteers for the 4th Annual Kite Karnival April 28 at Doc Stewart Park.

Volunteers are needed for set up, parking, game monitors and tear down. Volunteers will be divided up into shifts.

For more information, call 784-6381.

Final Mach Meter April 27, only one issue left. Go online at [www.cannon.af.mil](http://www.cannon.af.mil).



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## Team Cannon welcomes Lt. Gens. Wooley, Utterback



OFFICIAL AIR FORCE PHOTO

Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley



**Team Cannon** – Today and this weekend we host Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, Air Force Special Operations commander, Hurlburt Airfield, Fla., and Lt. Gen. Loyd Utterback, 13th Air Force commander, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

General Wooley makes another visit to assess the progress of transitional planning for Air Force Special Operations Commands' proposed beddown at Cannon beginning in October 2007.

General Utterback will make the keynote address for Clovis High School's Junior ROTC military ball Saturday, in addition to learning about our mission.

Both will have an opportunity to experience the quality of life of our base, community and state.

Please extend a warm welcome to both as this provides us the opportunity to show them the outstanding work we do on a daily basis, which is what makes us the World's Most Lethal Combat team – a distinction we have earned.



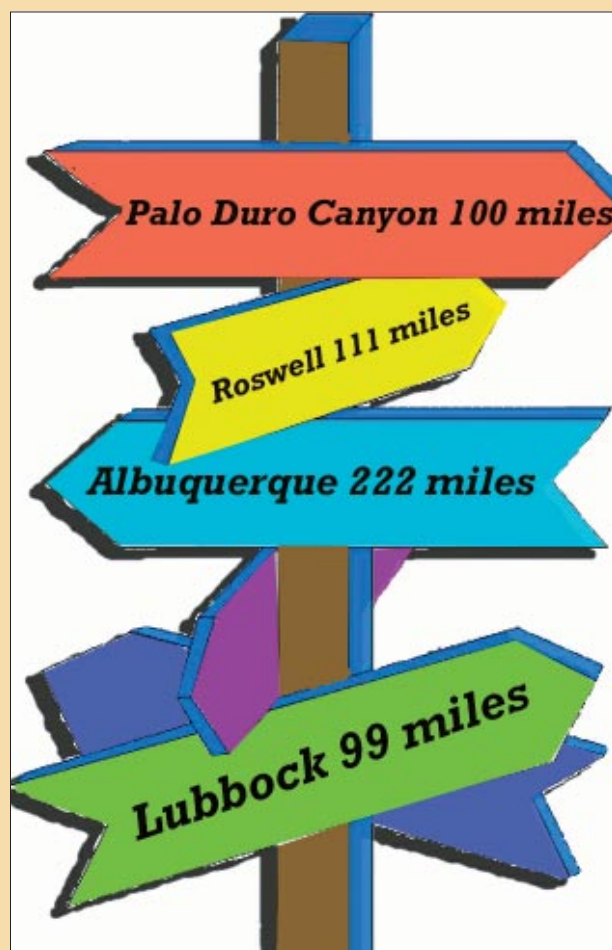
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Lt. Gen. Loyd Utterback

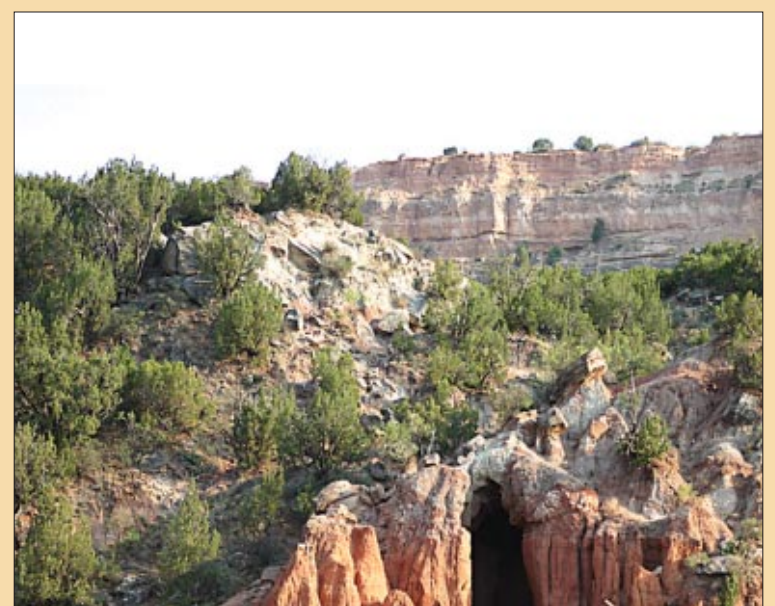


Col. Scott West

27th Fighter Wing commander



ARCHIVE GRAPHIC



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Palo Duro Canyon is often referred to as the Texas Grand Canyon and is about 100 miles from Cannon Air Force Base.

### Time to Discover Home

Team Cannon is invited to Discover Home 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 27 at The Landing. A recreational vehicle and boat show will be one of the highlights at this second annual event. There will be door prizes and giveaways and more than 300 vendors have been invited to help the Cannon community discover what is close to home.





## NEWS



Photos by Senior Airman Heather Redman

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Coronado and Senior Airman Brandon Nott, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, use a jammer to pick up an MK-82-air general purpose bomb to load onto the F-16 Fighting Falcon on April 13 during the 27th Fighter Wing Load Crew of the Quarter Competition.



Staff Sgt. Cory Williams, 522nd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, secures an AIM-120 missile to the launcher of an F-16 Fighting Falcon.

## AMUs load up for competition

By Airman Elliott Sprehe  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 27th Maintenance Group held its Proud Falcon and Weapons Load competition at Hangar 133 April 13 to determine which of the three fighter squadrons could best get their aircraft loaded with munitions and ready for action.

The quarterly competition features the top Airmen from each fighter squadron who competed for top honors.

Three Airmen from each of the fighter squadron maintenance units; the 522nd, the 523rd, and the 524th, participated in the competition to show who was most knowledgeable about the F-16 Fighting Falcon in a variety of areas.

"To compete in the competition, Airmen had to be certified before they could even touch a bomb," said Tech. Sgt. Peter Morgan, 27th MXG.

The weapons loading competition consisted of a 25-question test on the F-16, dress and appearance, toolbox inspections to see who was most organized and the accurate loading of munitions onto an F-16, said Sergeant Morgan.

The munitions loaded rotate for each

competition and in the recent competition AIM-120s, MK-82s, as well as chaff flares, were used.

An F-16 in each dock of Hangar 133 accommodated the three maintenance units. The close quarters allowed teams that finished before the others to poke some fun at the remaining teams.

"One of the crews finished first and then walked down to the other dock and said 'Hey, what's taking so long?'" said Sergeant Morgan.

Winners of the loading competition are determined by the written test results and toolbox inspections, though the loading of the F-16 accounts for most of the points. The winning team is provided a "gun-barrel" trophy.

For the Proud Falcon portion, quality assurance teams inspect the aircraft for discrepancies, said Sergeant Morgan, and check the appearance and cleanliness of the aircraft.

We had the crew chiefs, specialists, engines Airmen and weapons Airmen participating in the Proud Falcon portion, said Sergeant Morgan.

"It was really close [selecting the winners]," said Sergeant Morgan.

Results were not available at press time.



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Coronado, 523rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit, uses the fine controls of the MJ-1 to load an AIM-120 missile onto an F-16 Fighting Falcon.





## NEWS

# Repatriation ceremony held for Korean War casualties

By Sgt. Catherine Talento  
Det. 10, Air Force News Agency

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii – One by one the flag draped coffins containing the remains of six U.S. service members killed in the Korean War were carried by a multi-service detail from the back of a C-17 Globemaster III during a repatriation ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Distinguished guests, veterans and a joint honor guard of Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guard rendered honors as the coffins were transported across the tarmac and then loaded into the back of an awaiting bus for the ride to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Headquarters at Hickam AFB.

Earlier in the week, the remains were handed over by the North Korean government to a U.S. delegation headed by New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and flown from South Korea to Hawaii.

After the formal ceremony, the governor said the repatriation of the remains is

not about politics but about keeping a promise to all troops.

“All our fallen heroes should have these kinds of honors, no matter how long ago the war was. This is 40-plus years, but we are honoring our men and women with the appropriate ceremony. We can’t forget and to all the families out there, we’ll do our best to bring the many others home,” Gov. Richardson said.

In 1950, Korean War veteran James Ward was a 20-year-old Marine corporal during the battle of the battle of Chosin Reservoir. Today, the 77-year-old attends as many of these repatriation ceremonies as he can and says it brings him satisfaction in knowing some of his fallen brethren are coming home but cautions against saying it brings closure.

“You close a door,” Mr. Ward said. “You can not close people out of your mind, ... [The families] can be more comfortable in their mind knowing the remains have been returned, but if they meant anything at all to



AIR FORCE PHOTO BY STAFF SERGEANT VALDA WILSON

**A joint honor guard of Airmen, Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Coast Guard rendered honors to six repatriated servicemembers April 12 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command held the arrival ceremony for the six, killed in the Korean War. An official delegation from the United States traveled to North Korea to accept the remains.**

them, they will never have the word closure in their life.”

More than 8,000 service members are still classified

as missing in action from the Korean War. The remains will be examined by JPAC’s Central Identification Labo-

ratory for possible identification. Positively identified remains will be returned to the family for reburial.

## Air Force Review held at memorial

Story and photo by  
Staff Sgt. Madelyn Waychoff  
Air Force Honor Guard Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. – Air Force officials held an Air Force Review in “Heritage to Horizons” style revitalizing a 300-year-old military ceremony and presented it to a modern audience April 14 at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va.

The Air Force Review was hosted by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Smolen, the Air Force District of Washington commander, and featured the Air Force Band and Air Force Honor Guard.

The ceremony was held to honor the traditions of the past. It showcased the military origins of the review ceremony, as well as highlighted the “excellence and readiness of military troops, exhibiting on the parade ground the precision and teamwork essential for mission success,” said the event announcer.

The review began with a solo bugler sound-

ing “Assembly” to signal the troops to prepare for review. With the arrival of the official party, the bugler sounded the signal for the Air Force Honor Guard flights to march on. The presentation of command to General Smolen came next, followed by the presentation of the colors.

To honor the military members who are serving or who have served, a moment of silence was held after the playing of the national anthem. Once the colors were presented, the Air Force Band played a musical selection, including a showcase drum performance.

The final piece of the ceremony was the pass in review, in which General Smolen reviewed the Airmen as they passed the official party.

The history of the Air Force Review ceremony stems from King William III of England. His troops, while serving in the Netherlands, were housed in the towns and villages around the battlefields. To signal it was time to return to garrison, drummers marched through the streets.



The Air Force Honor Guard performs a pass and review ceremony for the reviewing official, Maj. Gen. L. Robert Smolen, April 14 at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va. General Smolen is the Air Force District of Washington commander



## COMMENTARY

# Responsibility, commitment highest calling for Airmen

By Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright  
United States Forces Japan

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan – The Air Force of the United States of America possesses the most destructive, fast, far-reaching military capability in the world. Such power demands the highest levels of responsibility and commitment by every Airman.

The president of the United States relies on America's Air Force to fly, fight and win across a range of military operations.

Air Force operations include the employment of nuclear missiles, bomber aircraft equipped with nuclear weapons, and conventional bomber and fighter aircraft with precision weapons that can destroy and damage enemy capabilities more effectively than any other military force on the planet.

Every Airman contributes to the mission, development, support, deployment and employment of Air Force weapons systems. We cover the wide spectrum of combat flying,

space, airlift and cyber operations, intelligence and surveillance, engineering and acquisition, logistics and maintenance; we are all responsible to every citizen of our nation for their Air Force.

In fact, we all share an oath to defend the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; and ensure the high-cost, decisive combat capabilities and weapons systems of the Air Force are ready, able and combat effective.

Our responsibility for the physical power of the Air Force should drive Airmen to always look closely at ourselves in our conduct, mission competence, and the leadership standards we demonstrate.

Officers and NCOs must reach deep inside and find the courage and commitment to match and exceed standards of appearance and leadership credibility among all the U.S. military services.

Exemplary physical readiness and uniform appearance

are fundamental to Air Force leader credibility. "Excellent" fitness test should be a self-motivated personal and professional requirement.

The capabilities of our Air Force must also be matched by exemplary levels of individual moral courage. If America's citizens are to trust us, they must know they can rely on each of us to be honorable and uphold the nation's highest standards of personal conduct.

For Airmen, there can be no higher calling.

# Sometimes one of the toughest words to say is 'no'

By Chief Master Sgt. Norman Peck  
366th Mission Support Squadron

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE, Idaho – "I'm sorry, but no."

There, I said it. It wasn't easy and it was something I really hated to do. It meant having to swallow my pride and admit it was something we just couldn't do.

There just weren't enough people, weren't enough hours in the day or wasn't enough money to get it done, let alone get it done the right way.

In all my years in the Air Force, one of the toughest things to say is "no." It meant, "We give up." It admitted defeat.

One admirable quality about those in uniform is we're stubborn, hardheaded folks. Despite the overwhelming challenges ahead of us, we move forward to get the job done no matter what it takes. We do not like to tell anyone, "It just can't be done."

However, we have to accept the facts. By October, we'll lose 22,000 people Air Force-wide with more to follow over the next four years. Deployment requirements will not go away, meaning those left behind need to pick up the slack. Those who don't deploy still need to get the job done while the rest of their folks are gone. The local mission still needs to happen.

But how?

We must leverage technology and eliminate unnecessary processes now more than ever before in our past. We need to continue to find better ways to do the same high-quality job with fewer people – finding ways to get the job done faster, better and cheaper. The notion of "but we've always done it that way" won't fly in the Air Force anymore (pun fully intended).

The Air Force's senior leadership knows we're losing people, and they understand we must be realistic and

cut things we simply can't do. In fact, leadership has asked for our inputs, and it's time we are brutally honest about what we really can and cannot do. We need to put our pride in check and honestly say what we can and can't do with fewer people in our shops and work centers.

However, that doesn't mean we stop doing things without justification. It means looking at everything we do each duty day and asking some tough questions.

1. What do we do every day? It's best to write it out.

2. Why do we do it, and is there any value added to our mission? In short, does it help the Air Force put bullets and bombs on target?

3. Is this the best way to finish the task? Is there someone out there with a smarter, faster, cheaper way to do it?

4. If it's an unnecessary task, did we send strong justification up the chain of command requesting we stop

doing it?

You'd be surprised where you'll find great time and money-saving ideas. Take security forces for example. Earlier this month, the base joined other Air Force installations to eliminate military vehicle decals on the windshields of our private vehicles. It simply made sense. The Air Force spent at least \$750,000 a year just to print the stickers. That doesn't include the hundreds or thousands of man hours the base spent issuing the stickers and registering vehicles.

It's important we identify and refine the way we do business and eliminate unnecessary tasks before we "break the bank."

All Airmen must take a long, hard look at everything they do and then find and eliminate the time and money wasting steps and procedures.

We need to step up and make the tough calls and sometimes "no" is the right answer.

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## ROLL CALL

# Legendary Airmen reunite



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Courtesy of Air Force News Service  
Week of April 18-24

On April 18, 1942, 16 Army Air Corps B-25 medium bombers lifted off the Navy carrier Hornet to accomplish a mission that seemed impossible. President Franklin Roosevelt wanted an air assault over Japan in response to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Dec. 7, 1941.

Lt. Col. James Doolittle led a group of 80 volunteers to bomb five major cities in Japan, to include Tokyo. They flew for more than 15 hours. None had the fuel to make it to their landing destination, and they flew until they ran out of gas. Ten

planes were abandoned after crews bailed out, five crash-landed and one flew to Russia.

Fifty men jumped out of their planes over China. Most eventually made it back home safely, but some were executed, some drowned and some were taken prisoner. In Lt. Col. Doolittle's mind, the mission was a failure since all 16 aircraft were lost. In the eyes of the American public, though, it was a great success and morale skyrocketed. The raid proved that Japan was vulnerable to an Allied attack, that bombers could take off from aircraft carriers and that the B-25 was capable of long combat missions.

The remaining Doolittle Raiders reunited Wednesday to remember their historical mission. They remembered their fellow Raiders who have since passed on, and turned their famed goblets upside down in their memory. Out of 80 goblets, fewer than 15 remain right-side up.

As Airmen in today's Air Force:

– It's important for all of us to remember historical events like Doolittle's raid over Tokyo which provides us our lasting heritage.

– We must learn the lessons from such missions, and to recognize the effect such missions had on the American public.

– We must remember that the Doolittle Raiders were just like us, a group of people from all across America, who left behind families and friends to defend America in the face of the enemy. Despite the odds, they depended on each other and performed courageously, showing how air power and Airmen are capable of changing and shaping history.

### *This week's Viper Volunteer is*



PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN HEATHER REDMAN

### Airman 1st Class Marc Hightower

*Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, congratulates Airman Hightower, 27th Component Maintenance Squadron, for his volunteer efforts of more than 125 hours supporting programs that include Habitat for Humanity, Airman Against Drunk Driving and tornado relief efforts.*

*The Viper Volunteer highlights the spirit of volunteerism and extraordinary contributions to the Cannon community. To nominate a Viper Volunteer, call Ellen Saccoia-Smith at 784-4228.*



## NEWS FEATURE

# No routines for EOD Airmen

By Master Sgt. Bryan Ripple  
332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq – It takes nerves of steel and a steady hand to do the work Airmen assigned to the 332nd Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight do.

After all, getting anywhere near an improvised explosive isn't something most people want to do.

However, EOD Airmen put their extensive combat training and experience to the test every day in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. When they are not on a mission, they maintain their equipment, vehicles and robots for their next mission, or they're destroying unexploded ordnance, or UXOs, from indirect fire attacks or ridding munitions that exceed their shelf lives.

"This is my third deployment since the start of the war in 2003. I'm amazed at how the battlefield is ever changing," said Master Sgt. Michael Pitts, deployed from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

"We get smarter, but so does the enemy. It's a crazy cat and mouse game. Sometimes we win, sometimes the enemy does. Thankfully, we win a lot more"

The explosives Airmen have two distinct missions, one on base and one outside the wire. They are on six-month deployments, which are more like eight months when mandatory Combat Skills Training and the Global Anti-terrorism and Operational Readiness training is included

The EOD missions vary from day to day. One day the teams might respond to unexploded ordnance on base, or they may assess damage done to buildings and equipment after an indirect fire attack. On another day, they may perform their Army "in-lieu-of" mission outside the wire. This ranges from rendering IEDs safe to conducting a post-blast analysis on coalition vehicles struck by IEDs.

The latter mission can be the most difficult to perform.

"We see ... the personnel who were injured or killed in these

attacks. It's hard to focus on the task at hand, seeing all the destruction, but we have to. The intelligence we gather allows us to gain valuable intelligence on how the enemy operates," Sergeant Pitts said.

The equipment and vehicles EOD Airmen have used over the years have evolved to keep up with the ever-changing requirements of the tactical battle space. Armored vehicles evolved from standard armored Humvees in early 2003, to the Joint EOD Rapid Response Vehicle being used today. The JERRV is a massive vehicle that allows EOD teams to safely travel to and from an incident

site and allows them to vary operations in and around the vehicle during a call. Inside, there is room for the EOD team, their robots, and all the equipment they need to work outside the wire. This includes 70-pound bomb suits. The JERRV has multiple optical camera capabilities to provide day and night vision, as well as forward looking infrared technology that allows EOD Airmen better visibility of their surroundings.

Senior Airman Stephen Ohge is deployed from Anderson AFB, Guam, and operates the joy stick technology as easily as a young person would playing a favorite video game.

"Cutting-edge technologies are paramount to today's EOD operations outside the wire," said Airman Ohge. "We have spotted multiple triggermen. These systems assist our use of robots for remote reconnaissance and disruption of IEDs, directly relating to a decrease of time spent in a kill zone," he said.

Airman 1st Class Robert Wester, also deployed from Hickam AFB, Hawaii, carefully operates the Talon Robot, one of three robots EOD uses to respond to IEDs.

"It's my job to disrupt and



AIR FORCE PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS NATHAN DOZA

**Senior Airman William Newman dons his protective equipment before an "outside the wire" mission April 3 at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Airman Newman is deployed from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.**

eliminate IED hazards in hostile situations. I use various robots, one being the Talon," Airman Wester said. "I would rate it as being the best one in theater. Using the Talon is like an extension of my own arms. There is no time for fumbling or room for error. Robot operators must work quickly and thoroughly without letting stress affect their performance."

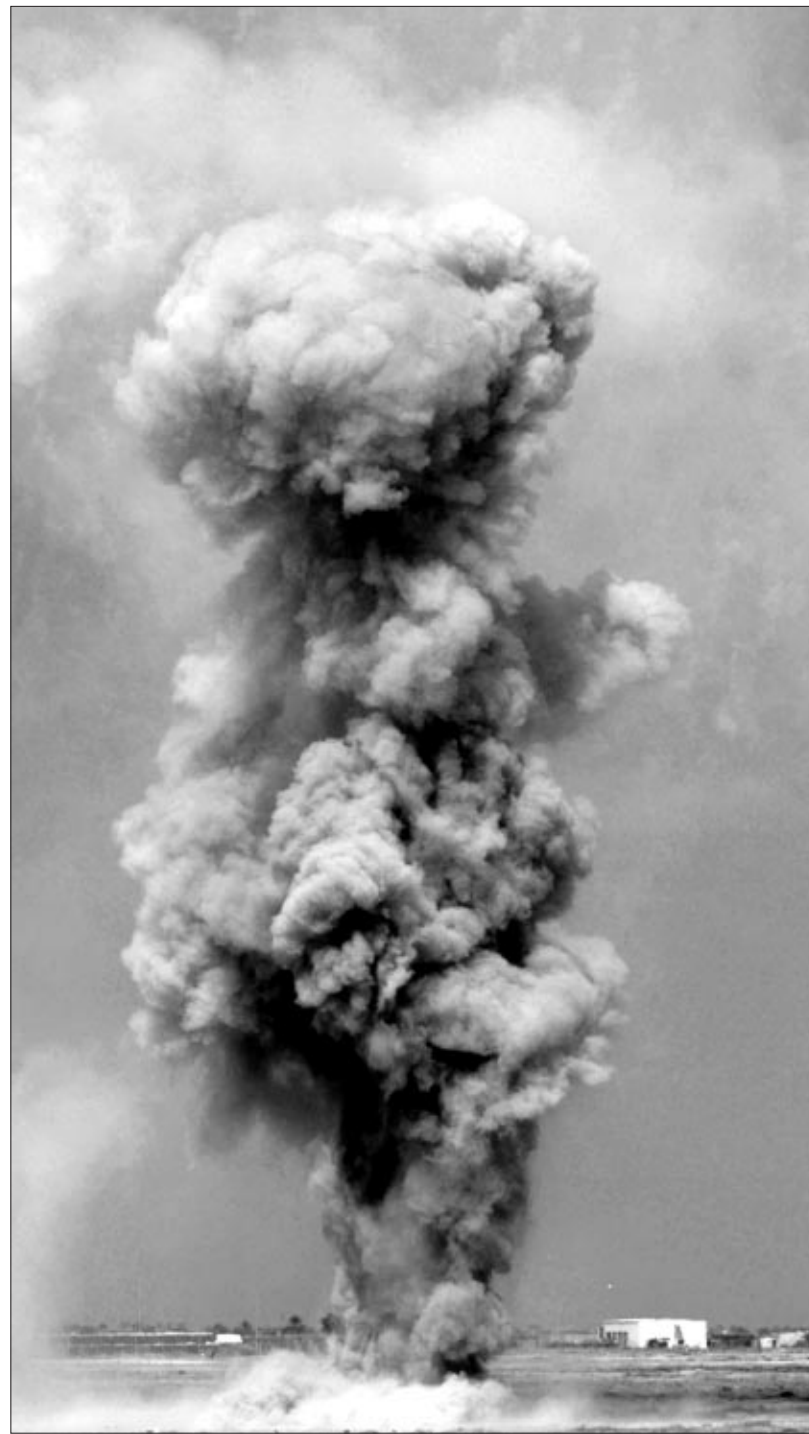
These EOD Airmen know that where there is an IED, there is most likely someone watching.

"A good friend was shot by a sniper not long ago. A good robot driver will minimize all team member exposure to sniper fire and explosive hazards. Airman Wester said.

EOD Airmen are not immune to the dangers IEDs pose, however.

"It's a struggle to stay two steps ahead of the enemy. We learn from other people's experiences and survive based on our strict adherence to our tactics, techniques, and procedures. In this game, you only get one shot to get it right," Sergeant Pitts said.

EOD Airmen here feel they are making a positive difference in Iraq.



**A controlled detonation is conducted March 20 by the 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron's Explosive Ordnance Disposal team at Balad Air Base, Iraq. The EOD team disposes unserviceable, excess or dangerous ordnance in a controlled environment.**

"When we roll down the street heading out to the next reported IED, and we see a young girl in an Iraqi village heading off to school with her book bag, I know we've changed her life for the better. She has an opportunity she would never have had if our military wasn't here helping Iraq combat this insurgency and establish its new democratic government," Sergeant Pitts said.

Throughout their missions outside the wire with Soldiers, EOD Airmen have smoothly inte-

grated with the Soldiers who provide cover for them while performing their EOD duties.

"EOD is a prime example of the joint brotherhood that develops in this area of operations," said Capt. Jay Ferguson, deployed here as the EOD flight commander from Hill AFB, Utah.

Sergeant Pitts agreed. "The Soldiers put their lives on the line to protect us," he said. "The uniform we wear doesn't matter when we're outside the wire; we're there to help each other."





# Dorm Block Party

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GRAPHIC BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS THOMAS TROWER



## NEWS

# G.I. Bill eligibility upped

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – A recent Defense Department policy change widens the eligibility window for some Reserve-component troops who want to use their Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits, a senior DoD official said April 17.

The DoD policy now aligns with Department of Veterans Affairs rules, which say National Guard members and reservists are eligible to receive Montgomery G.I. Bill education benefits for the period covering the amount of time they served on active duty, plus four months, said Tom Bush, principal director for manpower and personnel within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

After studying the matter over the past few months, DoD agreed to align its policy with the VA's, Mr. Bush said during a joint Pentagon Channel/American Forces Press Service interview. DoD's previous policy, he said, only recognized the amount of active-duty time as applied to the G.I. Bill coverage period for reserve component members but still required the member to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve.

"The change, from the DoD perspective, is that the benefit now can be used

by somebody that leaves the selected reserve for the amount of time that they've served on active duty, plus four months," Mr. Bush said. Guard and reserve members who attend regular drill training and meetings are considered part of the selected reserve.

The total amount of G.I. Bill coverage for reservists is still 36 months, Mr. Bush said. "So, if you've used part of that (G.I. Bill benefit) it may eat into that 36 months," he noted.

Mr. Bush said reservists normally have 14 years to use their Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits. However, that time might also be extended, he noted, by the amount of time Guard or Reserve members serve on active duty, plus four months.

Senior Guard and Reserve officials, as well as demobilization sites, have been alerted to the policy change, Mr. Bush said.

About 370,000 Guard and Reserve members on drill or active-duty status have signed up to use Montgomery G.I. Bill benefits since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, Mr. Bush said.

Cannon Airmen can determine if they qualify for the Montgomery G.I. Bill and REAP by calling 784-4184.



PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

## Pet of the Week

This female German shepherd mix is one of 28 dogs rescued following the tornado on March 23. To save her or another animal's life, call 784-4228.





# Cannon Air Force Base 4th Annual Kite Karnival April 28

10 am - 4 pm  
Doc Stewart Park

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## FEATURE

# A man for all times

## Prizefighter, Medal of Honor recipient, Tokyo Raid leader, Jimmy Doolittle did it all

By Lt. Col. Stephen Clutter  
Air Force Print News

**S**AN ANTONIO – The man the “Doolittle Raiders” are named for may not be a household name today, but James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle was once one of the most famous celebrities in America, even before the raid, and remains one of the most remarkable figures of the 20th Century.

Born in Alameda, Calif., on Dec. 14, 1896, Doolittle spent his youth in Nome, Alaska where he earned a reputation as a “scrapper.” His first career was as a prize fighter, frequently fighting under the name Jimmy Pierce.

At five-foot-six and 105 pounds, Doolittle was described as a strong boxer, but he often fought with “rage rather than restraint,” according to Dick Alan Daso, who wrote “Doolittle: Aerospace Visionary.” Eventually becoming an amateur champ, Doolittle frequently regressed into street brawls, including one which landed him in the Los Angeles County Jail. His mother reportedly left him there for the weekend to teach him a lesson.

After graduating high school in 1914, he spent a year with his father in Alaska, but wound up broke, returning to Los Angeles as a stowaway on a transport ship. He eventually attended the University of Berkley. He dropped out in 1917 to join the Army’s Signal Corps to attend pilot training.

Although World War I ended before he could fly in Europe, Doolittle blossomed into an accomplished pilot. He was, however, also gaining an unwanted reputation as a “stunter,” and perceived to be reckless. He once flew his

plane through the open doors of a hangar to help mechanics sweep it out. Another time he roared his motorcycle down the runway, playing “chicken” with the landing aircraft, forcing the pilot to abort his landing. It was stunts such as these that got the young Lieutenant Doolittle grounded.

**D**oolittle matured, settled into family life, and became one of the best pilots in the world. In September 1922, he made the first of his many historic aviation feats, flying the first-ever cross-country flight, from Pablo Beach, Fla., to San Diego in 21 hours and 19 minutes, making only one refueling stop at Kelly Field, Texas. In July 1923, after serving as a test pilot and aeronautical engineer at McCook Field, Ohio, Doolittle entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, earning his master’s degree in 1924. He went on to get the first Ph.D. in Aeronautics awarded by MIT.

In 1930, Doolittle left active duty, but remained a reservist. In 1932, he set the world’s high-speed record for land planes at 296 miles per hour in the Shell Speed Dash.

After having won the three big air racing trophies of the time, the Schneider, Bendix and Thompson, he officially retired from air racing saying, “I have yet to hear anyone engaged in this work dying of old age.” Later, it was reported that Doolittle was incensed to learn that news photographers had staked locations to catch the reaction of his wife and children if he’d crashed the Gee Bee, which had killed many other pilots who had tried to fly it, including the aircraft’s designer.

During World War II, Doolittle returned to active

duty. By then, he was known as the master of the “calculated risk,” applying skill and science to pull off feats that seemed reckless and daring to others. Doolittle was chosen by Gen. Hap Arnold to lead what was known as “Special Mission No. 1,” a secret bombing attack on Japan just four months after the attack at Pearl Harbor. The group launched 16 B-25 bombers from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet in the Pacific – itself an amazing and first-ever feat – and attacked several Japanese cities before ditching their aircraft in China or the sea.

**O**f the 80 men who took part in the raid, three were killed during the mission, five were interned in Russia and eight became prisoners of war in Japan. After he had bailed out, Doolittle landed in a field of “night soil,” – dirt mixed with human waste. He tried to take cover from the cold night air in a farm house, but the occupants wouldn’t let him in. He eventually escaped the cold and wind by climbing into a coffin waiting to go into the ground. The coffin was occupied.

He received the Medal of Honor for leading the raid and was promoted from lieutenant colonel to brigadier general, skipping the rank of colonel. After commanding 8th Air Force at the end the European campaign, General Doolittle was moving his command to Okinawa to finish the fight with Japan when the war ended.

It’s hard for today’s generation to realize how famous Doolittle was, but once, while making a bond drive campaign in Los Angeles, more than a million people lined La Cienega Boulevard from the airport to the Hollywood Bowl



AIR FORCE PHOTO

**Lt. James “Jimmy” Doolittle, Doolittle made history as the first pilot to fly coast-to-coast in less than a day in a modified DeHavilland DH-4, in September 1922. Equipped with crude navigational instruments, he traveled from Pablo Beach, Fla., to San Diego, Calif., in 21 hours and 19 minutes. He made only one refueling stop at Kelly Field. The military gave him the Distinguished Flying Cross for this historic feat.**

to welcome the returning hometown hero.

After the war, General Doolittle, now a civilian and the first president of the Air Force Association, devoted his energies to lobby for an independent Air Force. His goal was accomplished in September 1947 when President Truman signed the law, establishing the Air Force and the new Department of Defense.

**I**n March 1951, Doolittle was appointed a special assistant to the Air Force chief of staff, serving as a civilian in scientific matters which led to Air Force ballistic missile and space programs. He retired

from Air Force duty in 1959 but continued to serve as chairman of the board of Space Technology Laboratories and devoted his time to many other civic and industry endeavors. He died September 27, 1993. He remains the only American to receive both the country’s highest military and civilian honors – the Medal of Honor and the Medal of Freedom.

**W**hen Doolittle accepted his Medal of Honor after the raid, he did so reluctantly, saying he would accept it on behalf of all the men who took part in the raid, and vowed to spend the rest of his life living up to the honor.





## Unit Spotlights



Photo by Senior Airman Heather Redman

*Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, presents Col. Jeffrey McDaniels, 27th Operations Group commander, with the award for the highest decrease in fuel consumption.*



Photo by Senior Airman Heather Redman

*Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, presents Capt. Christopher Neiman, 27th Security Forces Squadron, with the award for the highest decrease in fuel consumption.*



Photo by Senior Airman Heather Redman

*Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Stephen Wood, 27th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, display the proclamation signed by Col. West declaring Cannon Earth Day on Thursday.*



### Come worship with us

#### CATHOLIC

Religious Education	9:15 a.m.
Sunday (Kindergarten thru Teens)	
Sunday Mass	10:30 a.m.
Reconciliation	9:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass (M,W,F)	12:05 p.m.

#### PROTESTANT

Contemporary	9 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Gospel	noon

**For more information about other programs or other faith groups, call the chapel office at 784-2507.**

**104 W. Trident Ave., Cannon AFB, N.M.**

## At the Movies

The Cannon Theater is located on Torch and Ingram.  
Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

### Premonition

**Today at 6 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.**

**Description:** Linda Hanson has a beautiful house, a loving husband and two adorable daughters. Her life is perfect until the day she receives the devastating news that her husband Jim has died in a car accident. When she wakes up the next morning to find him alive and well, she assumes it was all a dream, but is shaken by how vivid it felt. She soon realizes it wasn't a dream, and her world is turned upside down.

**PG-13** – violence, disturbing images, thematic material, language

**Running time:** 96 min.

### Dead Silence

**Saturday at 6 p.m.**

**Description:** A ghost story about Mary Shaw, a ventriloquist who went mad. She was killed and buried with her collection of vaudeville dolls. Since that time, Ravens Fair has been plagued by death.

**R** – horror violence, images

**Running time:** 89 min.

### I Think I Love My Wife

**Sunday at 6 p.m.**

**Description:** Richard Cooper has it all. A wife, children – but there's just one problem: he's bored out of his mind. Richard fantasizes about every woman he sees. Then, one day, an old friend appears at his office, putting him to the ultimate test. What will he risk when temptation comes after him?

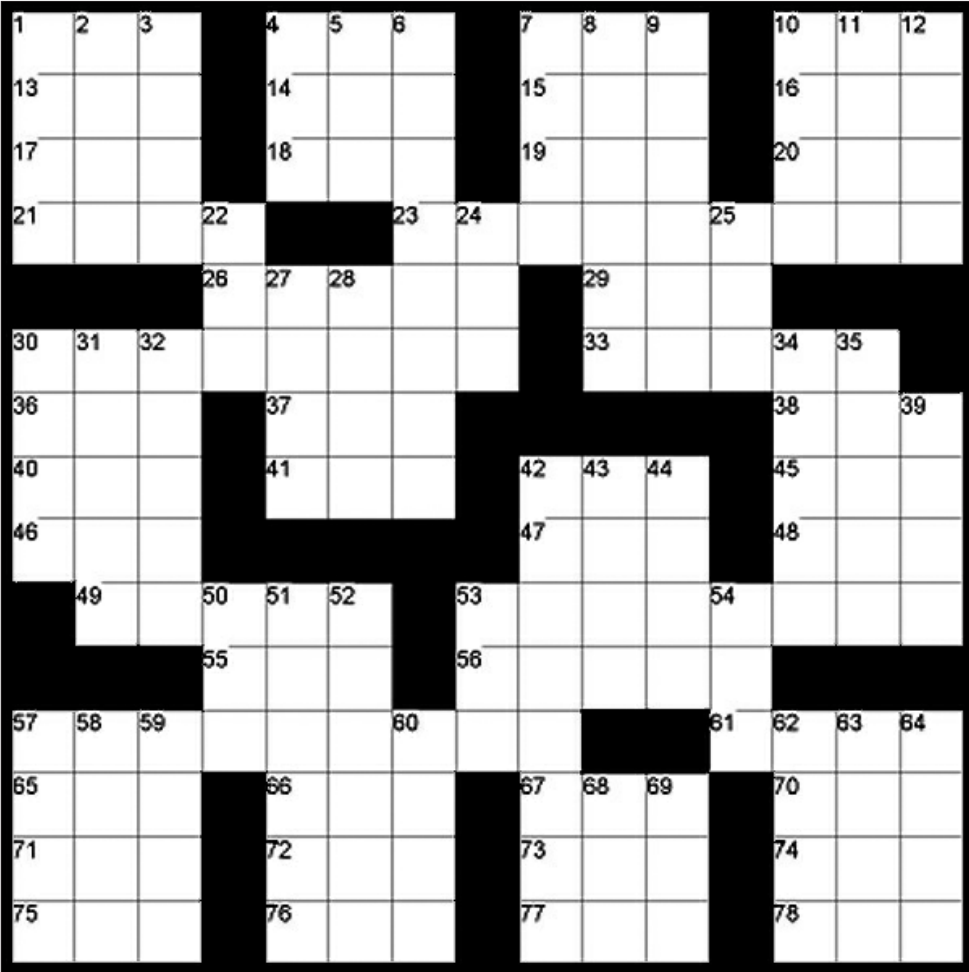
**R** – language, sexual content

**Running time:** 94 min.





THE LIGHTER SIDE



Solution on page 18

SECAFs, Vol. 1  
By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. SECAF from February 1, 1981 - November 30, 1985
- 4. Caspian or Bering
- 7. Dandy
- 10. USAF rank
- 13. Observe
- 14. The Greatest
- 15. Frozen water
- 16. Actress/model Tyler
- 17. Took charge
- 18. Tree
- 19. NJ player
- 20. Pilot with 5+ kills
- 21. Smell
- 23. SECAF from April 24, 1950 - January 20, 1953
- 26. Wading bird
- 29. USAF inspection
- 30. Acting SECAF from December 16, 1988 - April 29, 1989
- 33. Former Russian rulers
- 36. Pub order
- 37. Co. ending?
- 38. Pie \_\_ mode
- 40. Aloha gift
- 41. Confederate general
- 42. News source on cable
- 45. Clue
- 46. Resinous substance
- 47. Vote in favor

- 48. USN rank
- 49. SECAF from June 1, 2001 - January 20, 2005
- 53. SECAF from April 8, 1986 - December 16, 1988
- 55. Attila was one
- 56. Music of the 70s
- 57. SECAF from September 18, 1947 - April 24, 1950
- 61. Give a handle
- 65. Lawn
- 66. Road material
- 67. Lump
- 70. Once around the track
- 71. Paddle
- 72. Self-esteem
- 73. Needle part
- 74. Mining lode
- 75. Attempt
- 76. Santa's coat color
- 77. Cell matter, in brief
- 78. \_\_ out a living

DOWN

- 1. Norway's capital
- 2. SECAF from January 2, 1976 - April 5, 1977
- 3. Accomplish again
- 4. Office symbol of SECAF orgs.
- 5. Giant Manning
- 6. Part of SECAF
- 7. Scandinavian
- 8. Big cat
- 9. SECAF from November 1, 1997 - January 20, 2001
- 10. Long thin, narrow strip of

- wood
- 11. SECAF from May 1, 1989 - January 20, 1993
- 12. Declare
- 22. Greek letter
- 24. Guesthouse
- 25. Wayne's World Carrere
- 27. Wickedness
- 28. \_\_ Gagnon; Marine captured by Rosenthal's photo on Iwo Jima
- 30. Shopping place
- 31. Absolve
- 32. Gecko's insurance
- 34. USAF description for 11Xs and 12Xs
- 35. Throw
- 39. Place in a church
- 42. Engine part
- 43. Beatty and Kelly
- 44. 2002 Liotta movie
- 50. Greek letter
- 51. Orion's moniker
- 52. Betroth
- 53. Commotion
- 54. Charged atom
- 57. Mail opening
- 58. 365 represents one
- 59. There's Something About \_\_
- 60. Walked a path
- 62. Lotion ingredient
- 63. SECAF from May 18, 1979 - February 9, 1981
- 64. Fencing tool
- 68. Writer Rand
- 69. Golden Girl Arthur





## SPORTS AND HEALTH

# Martial Arts with heart

*Instructor trains mind, body and spirit into a force of one*

Story and photos by  
Airman Elliott Sprehe  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The two opponents cautiously bounce around each other, waiting for the other to make a move. Suddenly one of them steps in for a strike, only to be countered with a bullet of a round-house kick to the chest.

This is just one scene that can be witnessed during a Tae Kwon Do class taught by Master Sgt. Eric Suan, from the 523rd Fighter Squadron. Sergeant Suan is a fourth degree black belt certified by the World Tae Kwon Do Federation.

Sergeant Suan has been involved in martial arts since he began to walk. His father took martial arts overseas and his godfather became one of his earliest instructors.

"I imitated my dad," said Sergeant Suan. "He always wanted me to handle myself and I was a little on the small side."

"Martial arts have always been a part of my life," said Sergeant Suan. "I did the traditional sports; football, basketball, baseball, and then right after that I'd be going to a martial arts class."

Sergeant Suan began his Martial Arts affair studying Karate, with his father, and like his father, was also involved in amateur boxing.

"It was always beneficial for me to do some kind of combative sport, as far as fitness and just being coordinated," said Sergeant Suan.

The main martial art that Sergeant Suan now teaches is Olympic-style Tae Kwon Do, which is known for a lot of kicks, paddle work and sparring.

During sparring, opponents wear helmets, mouth guards and

chest protectors. For Olympic-style sparring they can kick from the waist up and punch to the chest protector, said Sergeant Suan.

One of Sergeant Suan's most memorable accomplishments was when, as a lightweight, he and another participant moved up to heavy-weight class and ended in the final match.

"That was my goal, to make it to the final match," said Sergeant Suan. "Just to go against the heavier guys was quite a big feat for me."

Sergeant Suan has been teaching Tae Kwon Do for almost 10 years and started in Okinawa where he was stationed for 11 years. While he was there he trained more than 2,000 students.

He helped open the first Olympic-style Tae Kwon Do school in Okinawa and in 1999 he won Instructor of the Year from the National School of Martial Arts.

The sergeant has used his abilities not only to better himself in the martial arts arena, but to better his community as well.

He has helped to raise money with an annual kick-a-thon, which donated \$33,000 to the Misato children's home in Okinawa and other non-profit organizations.

Money is raised during a kick-a-thon by how many kicks and how many push-ups a person can do in a minute, said Sergeant Suan.

"It's been a good thing for me, giving back to the community like that," said Sergeant Suan, who was recognized by Okinawa's governor



Left: 1st Lieutenant Fumisho Bass, 27th Communications Squadron, kicks a combo dummy with a vengeance during a Tae Kwon Do class.

for his school's accomplishments.

"Martial arts instills discipline, fitness, gives you confidence and at the same time you learn a lot about yourself," said Sergeant Suan. "You learn all your strengths and you learn your weaknesses and when you know your weaknesses you can steer them towards your strengths."

The Tae Kwon Do classes Sergeant Suan teaches are not limited to children – they are available to people of any age.

There are three classes that Sergeant Suan either teaches or participates. On Tuesdays and Thursdays there is a class from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Youth Center. This class is open to everyone.

The Little Dragons class for children 5 to 7-years old is 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays at the Clovis 801 Center, and is taught by Sergeant Suan's wife, Maria.

Another class is from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays It is as the Clovis 801 Center. and is available to everyone.

For more information call 784-6381 or 763-7464.



Master Sgt. Eric Suan, 523rd Fighter Squadron, holds a paddle ready as Lataysha Collins high-kicks during a Tae Kwon Do class at the Youth Center. Sergeant Suan has been teaching Tae Kwon Do for almost 10 years.



Sergeant Suan roundhouse kicks a practice dummy during a Tae Kwon Do class at the Youth Center. The classes are open to people of all ages who have an interest in Tae Kwon Do.





## SPORTS SHORTS

**Junior Olympic Skills Competition**  
**May 12**  
 10 am - 1 pm

Track & Field	10 am
Soccer	11 am
Basketball	Noon

Y.P. youth programs  
 Air Force Services  
 784-2747

**AMERICA'S ARMED FORCES KIDS RUN**  
 May 19 • 9 am

Fitness & Sports Center

Y.P. youth programs  
 Air Force Services  
 784-2747

COURTESY GRAPHIC

## Volunteers needed

The Cannon Youth Center needs volunteers for Junior Olympic Skills Competition Day on May 12 and America's Armed Forces Kids Run May 19. For more information, call 784-2747.

## Cannon Lanes 784-2280

**Family Fun Night** — Bring the family for a night of fun Saturday. The cost is \$2 per game from 6 p.m. to midnight.

**Wednesday Specials** — Students receive discounts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Bowl four games and receive free shoes and a drink for \$5.

## Youth Center 784-2747

**Youth activities for 'Tweens (ages 9-12) and Teens (ages 13-18)**

Today — College preparation sessions all month at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday — FitFactor Activities

Tuesday — Chess and FitFactor Activities

Wednesday — Board Games, Skating and Scooters

Thursday — Fit Factor activities from 3:30 to 4-45 p.m.

## Whispering Winds

### Golf Course 784-2800

**9-Hole Scramble** — Two person teams where players select their own partners at 5 p.m. on Monday. Handicaps will be used and sign up must be done by 3 p.m. on Monday.

**Senior Days** — Senior golfers, 50 years and older, receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals on Monday and Friday.

## End Zone 784-4283

**DJ** — A DJ plays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays at the End Zone.

## Outdoor Rec. 784-2773

**Airmen's Expedition** — Visit White Sands, the Museum of Space History/IMAX Theater and Carlsbad Caverns with Project Cheer. The trip is geared toward single Airmen living in the dormitories, but is open to all.

Depart the base May 4 and return May 6. The price is \$100 per person. and includes lodging, transportation and more. Sign up April 27 at the Discover Home Travel Fair at The Landing.

**Boater's Safety Class** — Anyone interested in renting powered watercraft from Outdoor Recreation must attend this training on April 28, May 18 or June 29. Call to sign up.

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